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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JOINT YOUNG-OWEN VISIT LAGOS

1. ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHN WILLIAMS REPORTED IN AUGUST 8 CALL ON CHARGE HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED AUGUST 5 INFORM NIGERIANS THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND BRITISH SECSTATE OWEN MEETING FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AUGUST 19 IN EITHER DAR ES SALAAM OR LUSAKA TO DISCUSS US-UK THINKING ON ZIMBABWE. AFTER MEETING, YOUNG AND OWEN WOULD BE IN LAGOS, AUGUST 21-22, TO BRIEF OBASANJO ON TALKS. WILLIAMS HAS SO INFORMED FMG.

2. WILLIAMS WAS INFORMED THAT OWEN WOULD BE TRAVELLING ON RAF PLANE CARRYING 31 PASSENGERS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE LAGOS EARLY MORNING AUGUST 21 AND DEPART 2300 HOURS AUGUST 22. WILLIAMS CONJECTURED YOUNG AND PARTY MAY ALSO BE TRAVELLING ON PLANE AS THIS IS DOUBLE NUMBER HE WOULD EXPECT IN
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BRITISH GROUP. HE IS ANXIOUS TO VERIFY THIS BECAUSE OF GREAT DIFFICULTY IN LOCATING HOUSE AND HOTEL SPACE.

3. WILLIAMS EXPRESSED CONCERN BECAUSE VISIT COINCIDING WITH OPENING ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE. HE POINTED OUT GARBA WOULD BE OCCUPIED ALL DAY SUNDAY CLEARING DRAFT OF DECLARATION WITH CONFERENCE DELEGATION LEADERS AND BOTH

GARBA AND OBASANJO WOULD BE SPENDING MONDAY IN LAUNCHING
CONFERENCE. HE WARNED OF DANGER OF YOUNG AND OWEN
ATTEMPTING TO TALK TO OBASANJO SUNDAY WITHOUT GARBA
PRESENT. IN ANOTHER VEIN, HE COMMENTED ON DIFFICULTY FOR
BRITISH OF HAVING OWEN PRESENT BUT NOT ATTENDING ANTI-
APARTHEID CONFERENCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PROMPT ENLIGHTENMENT ON THIS
SUBJECT FOR BENEFIT OF BOTH EMBASSY AND OUR BRITISH
COLLEAGUES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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